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Title: **APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR EVALUATING  
PERFORMANCE OF ENDOSCOPY DEVICES AND  
SYSTEMS**

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**AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS  
IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

January 9, 2003  
Commissioner For Patents:  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully submit that no extensions of time, and no additional fees, are needed for this response. However, if the Office finds that an extension is needed, or if any kind of petition or additional fees are needed for any reason, then please consider